

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-231 (cancelled)

Claim 232 (Currently amended). A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of vitamins, and minerals and excipients,

wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with ~~a suitable carrier~~ the excipients,

wherein the vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, and niacin, and the minerals ~~include active and inactive minerals, including~~ and excipients, ~~which~~ comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg, and

wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 233 (Currently amended). A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of vitamins, and minerals and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with ~~a suitable carrier~~ the excipients,

wherein said vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, niacin, Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, and said minerals and excipients comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg,

wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene,

wherein said Vitamin B₁ is thiamine mononitrate,

wherein said Vitamin B₆ is pyridoxine,

wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide,

wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide,
wherein said zinc is zinc oxide,
wherein said copper is chelated copper, and
wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 234 (Currently amended) A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of vitamins, ~~and~~ minerals ~~and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in~~ an intimate admixture with ~~a suitable carrier~~ the excipients, wherein said vitamins ~~comprise~~ consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, niacin, and said minerals ~~include active and inactive minerals, including~~ and excipients, ~~which~~ comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper, wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg, and wherein said composition is administrable to a patient.

Claim 235 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene.

Claim 236 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin D is cholecalciferol.

Claim 237 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin C is ascorbic acid.

Claim 238 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₁ is thiamine mononitrate.

Claim 239 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₂ is riboflavin.

Claim 240 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₆ is pyridoxine hydrochloride.

Claim 241 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₁₂ is cyanocobalamin.

Claim 242 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said niacin is niacinamide.

Claim 243 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide.

Claim 244 (Previously presented) The composition of claim 234, wherein said zinc is zinc oxide.